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The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin, Chair and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Martin and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Bill 28 (2013), Relating to Smoking

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) supports the intent of Bill 28 (2013), which would amend the prohibition of smoking in certain places to include city bus stops. Smoking and the use of tobacco-free "vapor" devices are among the activities prohibited on transit buses pursuant to Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) Section 13-3.1. Currently, DTS has posted signs on most bus shelters stating:

"as a courtesy to children and non-smokers, please do not smoke within waiting area. mahalo"

Bill 28 (2013), if enacted, would formally prohibit smoking within bus shelters and establish a perimeter around bus shelters and bus stops within which smoking would be prohibited as well.

While DTS supports the intent of Bill 28 (2013), we do have concerns about the manpower and other resources needed to administer and enforce its provisions. We look forward to continuing discussions with the City Council to address these issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Very truly yours,

Michael D. Formby

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